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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Yoshihiro NAKAHIRA

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SETTING METHOD (As amended)

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**Introductory Comments**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated **02 June 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply.

- **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 and are reflected in the listing of the claims.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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